Resolution on implemented reforms and developments in the Republic of Moldova

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Following the debate which took place on the same day, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on implemented reforms and developments in the Republic of Moldova

The resolution had been tabled by the S&D, ALDE, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL, EPP and ECR groups.

Parliament welcomes the start of negotiations on the Association Agreement between the EU and Moldova in January 2010 and notes with satisfaction the very good results the Commission is obtaining from Moldova in this process. It stresses the need for Moldova to step up efforts to implement structural reforms effectively, notably with regard to the rule of law, the fight against corruption and the business and investment climate. It expects the Moldovan authorities to pursue the reforms needed and fulfil their commitments to keep the Republic of Moldova on track for steady European integration.

Parliament recognises the improvements in the business environment and the regulatory framework of entrepreneurial activity as a key measure to attract investments, and expresses its confidence that the negotiations on the Free Trade Area with the EU, as part of the Association Agreement, will swiftly move forward. It also welcomes the granting of macro-financial assistance in the form of a grant of a maximum amount of EUR 90 million to Moldova with a view to supporting economic stabilisation and alleviating its balance of payments and budgetary needs.

Parliament calls on the Council to invite the Commission to proceed to quickly develop the action plan for visa liberalisation, thus entering into the fully operational phase of the visa dialogue based on Moldova's progress following exploratory talks on the four blocks of the visa dialogue.

Parliament takes the view that the EU can contribute to the solution of the Transnistrian problem by fostering confidence building (e.g. supporting the implementation of joint projects addressing common needs of the population). It stresses that the resolution of the Transnistrian issue constitutes a crucial element for promoting political stability and economic prosperity in Moldova and the region. It reiterates its support for the territorial integrity Moldova and points out that a more robust EU role in finding a solution to the Transnistrian question is needed, as the prolongation of this issue should not hamper Moldova's EU integration.

It welcomes the informal meetings that took place in the 5+2 format regarding Transnistria settlement efforts since June 2009 and calls upon the parties to return to formal negotiations in this format at the earliest possible opportunity.

Parliament underlines the need to strengthen the people's confidence in the institutions of the state and in the judicial authorities. It also encourages all the democratic political forces and ethno-cultural communities to avoid unnecessary confrontations and concentrate on developing a broad vision for Moldova with the aim of directing the country towards achieving its European goals.

Lastly, Parliament welcomes the progress made during the last year by Moldova and hopes that the electoral process can further consolidate the democratic institutions and respect for the rule of law and for human rights in Moldova. It hopes that the elections, in November 2010, will be held in full compliance with international standards and reminds all concerned that the pre-election campaign must provide equal opportunities for all political forces. It also expects measures to be taken to ensure the effectiveness of the

right to vote of Moldovan citizens living abroad and states that the de facto authorities in the breakaway region of Transnistria have no right to prevent Moldovan citizens from taking part in the voting process.